(ख) और (ग) बंगाल ईस्टर्न फ्रंटियर रेगुलेशन, 1873 पूर्वोत्तर के कुछ क्षेत्रों में लागू है तथा इस समय अरुणाचल प्रदेश, नागालैण्ड और मिजोरम राज्यों में लागू किया जा रहा है।

Acquisition of Land for New Post Offices in Andhra Pradesh

1085. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Postal Department has acquired land for construction of new Post Offices at various centres in West Godavari, Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that land for a new post office building has been acquired in Dharmajigudem in West Godavari district;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the building has been completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A site measuring 20 cents was purchased for Rs. 20,000/-and taken possession of in 1982 at Dharmajigudem in West Godavari District.

(d) and (e) due to non-availability of adequate financial resources, it has not been possible for the Department to construct Post Office building at Dharmajigudem for the time being.

Extradition of Warren Anderson

1086. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the statement by M.C. Mehta, recipient of Goldman Environmental Award, Washington, that Government of India had not sought the extradition of Union Carbide Chairman Warren Anderson of Bhopal Gas tragedy, for fear of the displeasure of MNCs;

(b) whether Government had sought Mr. Anderson's extradition; and if so, the US response thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Government have not seen such a statement made by M.C. Mehta, recipient of Goldman Environmental Award, Washington regarding extradition of Union Carbide Chairman, Warren Anderson to India. The Organisers of these events have not maintained any record of his speeches.

(b) and (c) the various aspects of the matter concerning the extradition of the former Chairman of Union Carbide Corporation are under the consideration of the Government.

Shortage of officers in army units

1087. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the Standard Herald (weekly), New Delhi, May 31 to June 6, 1996 that armed forces are facing unprecedented shortage of new officers especially in the combatant units;

(b) if so, the estimated shortage, overall and service-wise including the Medical and Engineering services;

(c) the main reasons for such shortage; and

(d) the steps have been/are being taken to make good the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d) There are some shortages in certain ranks in the Defence Services. Such shortages are not a new phenomenon. One of the reasons for shortages is the cadre structure of the Armed Forces. To make up the deficiencies measures such as introduction of University Entry Scheme, enhanced recruitment of permanent commissioned officers and Short Service Commissioned officers, induction of women as officers in the Armed Forces etc. have been taken.